

# The Kino Connection

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## Life Plans Dept.

**Congratulations to Asha, who has figured out what she wants to be doing for the next four years, and is well on her way to achieving it!**

Congratulations to Asha, who has been accepted by FIDM, the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising. This time next year, she'll be living in downtown L.A.

FIDM is a private college in L.A. that specializes in professional education for people planning on careers in the fashion, interior design, graphic design, or entertainment Industries. Anna's younger brother is a student there.

Asha's plan is to get an associate's degree in visual communication and graphic design and then a bachelor's degree in world marketing and business. She eventually hopes to have a career in advertising and marketing in the field of fashion.

Asha's senior project this year centers on photography, "It's fashion photography, but it's more geared around people --- photographs of people." In May, she'll display her favorite 30 prints.

Other plans --

This is a little early in the year for seniors to have settled their post-graduation plans. We also congratulate **Erik, who has been accepted by Westminster College**, a small liberal arts college in Pennsylvania. He is applying to other schools and has not yet made up his mind as to what he'll be doing next year.

**Dusty Weeks**, who was a Kino student from about 1991 to 2005, just finished his first semester in the Golf Course Turf Management program at Penn State, putting himself on track for a dream job working on golf courses. He has already lined up a 6 month internship at Castle Rock Country Club in Colorado starting this summer. After the six month internship, he'll have one last semester of school. His mom says one of the most interesting parts of the school, from the point of view of those of us who have known him a long time, is that Dusty is often required to dress "professionally," which means wearing a tie.



Asha displayed her fashion sense last Halloween



Dusty around, say, 1994

## We Are Thankful!

Io says: "I am thankful for my baby sister."



Aaron: For My Mom and my Dad.

Jonna: For Asha, shampoo, and my brother

Alex: For cats & dogs & family & homeroom.

Asha: Jonna and that my car is still running and Mommy.

Maia: Family, friends, food, and shelter

Ryan: Blue water and sky and the rainbow and the sun.

Dorian: I am thankful for a tree in spring.

Dakota; Jonna & Asha & family

Vanessa: Momma, Jonna's pen, homeroom, and getting three days off from school.

Kolton: I am thankful for my brother. He helped me when i was hurt.



Alexander Paige is thankful for peace on earth.

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Asha's reflection on the school wide Thanksgiving potluck last Tuesday:

"It was a good community experience, since we are just a big family, and family is what Thanksgiving is all about. We got to see the community full of holiday spirit, because everyone was helping. We all helped with the setting up and the cleaning up, and the older kids helped the little kids. It was really nice."

## Free Money for Kino Scholarships!

Everyone recently received a letter and brochure from Kino explaining Arizona's tax credit for private school scholarships. This is a fantastically easy way to support Kino at no cost to you, because your Arizona income tax will be reduced dollar-for-dollar by the amount you donate, and it's an important source of scholarship money for Kino.

Married couples filing jointly are allowed a credit of up to \$1,000; single taxpayers or couples filing separately may donate up to \$500. However, this is just the maximum. You may make a smaller donation and receive a credit for that smaller amount.

To make a donation, make a check out to the Arizona Scholarship Fund and mail it to Kino by December 31. If you would like to put your donation on your credit card, there are instructions on our website: [www.kinoschool.org](http://www.kinoschool.org).

If you have more questions, you can:

Ask Nancy for another copy of the brochure

Look at our website

Call Ann at 349-8415

## You Can Help Us Get Free Money

Lots of people would like to take advantage of the tax credit but don't have a particular school in mind.

Please spread the word about Kino!

People can get credit both for donations to a public school and to a private school. We have plenty of brochures at the front desk that include some information about Kino itself and explain how to make a donation. Or you can refer friends, co-workers and relatives to our website, where they can find information about the tax credit.

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Sarah is thankful for taking a walk with her daddy.



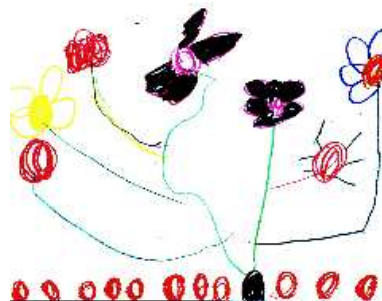
## Holiday Happenings

Mark your calendars for our Holiday Program: December 16 at 7 pm. There will be performances by our music students and the Middle level students will be performing Peter Pan, Part Two, which is being written at this moment by Diego and the Middle level students.

## Holiday Giving

Vanessa's homeroom is organizing a **food drive** for the Community Food Bank. Please bring your donations of non-perishable food (like boxes and cans of food) and put them in the drawer under the green sofa in her homeroom area by December 18.

The Middle Level are organizing their annual sock drive again this year. They are looking for donations of new socks, and for things to stuff in the socks -- like shampoo, soap, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deoderant, combs, etc. Please bring in you donations by Dec. 15. They will stuff the socks and deliver them to Casa Maria, where they will be distributed.



Lilli is thankful for poppies and flowers.

## Kris Kringles Are Coming

This Christmas season homerooms have taken a conservative turn and decided to return to the old Kris Kringle tradition.

Last year, we experimented with doing something different. We had a school-wide meeting to brainstorm and then each homeroom adopted its own plan. Several decided to give fewer presents to each other and to donate more to a chosen good cause.

But this year, during the last week before Winter break -- from December 14 through December 18 -- homerooms will be exchanging Kris Kringle presents as they have for over 25 years.

Homeroom teachers will be sending home specific instructions when the special week is closer, but this is generally how it works: everyone in a homeroom will secretly draw the name of another homeroom member. Every day on the last week before vacation, he or she will secretly bring a present for that person. Individual homerooms might go about it in a different way. For example, they often set a limit on how much can be spent on the gifts, or might decide to only give hand-made gifts.

It's a meaningful way to bring homeroom members closer together, to recognize and value each other.